

LAURA J. BERRY

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Juris Doctor

Honors: *Environmental Law Journal*: ARTICLES EDITOR STAFF EDITOR

Activities: Environmental Law Society, TREASURER; Robert M. Cover Public Interest Retreat, RETREAT PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR NYU FUNDING ORGANIZER

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, Tucson, AZ

B.S. in Environmental Science. GPA

Honors: Dean's List; Spirit of Discovery scholarship recipient; University of Arizona Provost's scholarship recipient; Schmutz Soil and Water scholarship recipient

EXPERIENCE

SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL LLP, New York, NY

*Litigation Associate*, September 2006 – Present; *Summer Associate*, May – August 2005

Participate in all aspects of complex litigation; research and draft memoranda and pleadings on diverse substantive and procedural issues; participate in client interviews and witness preparation; and appear and assist at depositions and court proceedings.

Recipient of Firm's 2006, 2007, and 2008 *Pro Bono* Service Awards. Significant matters include:

- Member of team representing a prime broker in a bankruptcy action arising from the collapse of a hedge fund whose principal pled guilty to a massive fraud; researched and drafted numerous pre-trial letters and memoranda to the Court regarding evidentiary issues and the conduct of the trial, which was before a civil jury; served as logistical coordinator for all aspects throughout the duration of the trial; team achieved verdict fully in favor of our client.
- Member of team representing plaintiff in complex derivative action brought on behalf of limited liability company; actively participated in all phases of the litigation, including document discovery, depositions of fact witnesses, expert reports and depositions, interrogatories, summary judgment motions, and full trial preparation; achieved favorable settlement for our client a few weeks before trial.
- Represented client in an investigation of trading activities by the New York Attorney General's office; coordinated response to subpoena requesting information; interviewed client employees and coordinated information gathering; served as primary liaison with client's General Counsel during the course of the investigation.
- Member of team bringing *pro bono* action in coordination with the New York Civil Liberties Union against New York State for inadequate provision of indigent defense representation; investigated practices and procedures in Suffolk County and interviewed potential plaintiffs in connection with drafting formal complaint.

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, New York, NY

*NYU Clinic Intern*, January – May 2004

Assisted NRDC staff attorneys with an ongoing lawsuit filed to prevent dredging in a New York/New Jersey Harbor Superfund site; researched and drafted memoranda on procedural and substantive issues, including provisions of the Clean Water Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE, Baltimore, MD

*Law Clerk*, May – August 2004

Independently researched and prepared for publication a handbook on special education due process hearings, aimed at guiding parents through this process; assisted with client intake and case research at Project Heal, a legal clinic in the Johns Hopkins Hospital pediatric clinic for low-income patients and their families; drafted materials for presentations made to hospital physicians, educating them about special education laws and other legal issues relevant to their patients.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, Tucson, AZ

*Research Assistant*, May 1999 – December 2002

Designed and performed independent research experiments, both in the laboratory and on a larger field scale; collaborated with professors and graduate students; formally presented research findings at departmental talks and university-wide research poster conferences; combined analytical work in the laboratory with intensive literature research to develop new hypotheses.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE, Washington, DC

*Research Intern*, June – August 2001

Utilized scientific background to research the legal implications of bioengineering advances such as genetic material patents; participated in editing and reformatting D.C. radiation regulations; contributed to a large research project that investigated the effectiveness of using mitigation banks for compliance with federal wetlands regulations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Active member of New York Bar since Enjoy karaoke, tennis, softball, skiing, and playing Rock Band.